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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 25 as follows:

1-24 (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method of ablating organic tissue, comprising: positioning an electrode adjacent the organic tissue; supplying electrical power to the electrode to effect ablation of the organic tissue; sensing with a sensor positioned adjacent the electrode the vibration of the organic tissue being ablated wherein the vibration is self-generated in the organic tissue in response to the ablation; and

reducing power to the electrode when the vibration reaches a given value.

- 26. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising: halting the power when the vibration reaches a given value.
- 27. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising: supplying fluid from a fluid supply to the tissue; and halting the fluid supply when the vibration reaches a given value.
- (Original) The method of claim 25 further comprising:
 sending a signal from the sensor to a switch to reduce the power.
- (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising:
 providing output from an output device when the vibration reaches a given value.
- 30. (Original) The method of claim 29 further comprising:

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sending a signal from the sensor to the output device; and sending an indicator signal from the output device.

- 31. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the sensor is a piezoelectric crystal.
- 32. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the sensor is a piezoelectric polymer.
- 33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 25 wherein the sensor is integrated with the electrode.
- 34. 61. (Canceled)
- 62. (Withdrawn) A method of ablating electrically conductive pathways in heart tissue within the body cavity of a patient, comprising:

positioning a conductive element within the body cavity adjacent the selected heart tissue:

supplying power to the conductive element;

sensing with a sensor positioned adjacent the conductive element the vibration of the heart tissue; and

reducing power to the conductive element when the vibration reaches a given value.

- 63. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 62, further comprising: halting the power when the vibration reaches a given value.
- 64. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 62, further comprising: supplying fluid from a fluid supply to the heart tissue; and halting the fluid supply when the vibration reaches a given value.
- 65. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 62 further comprising:

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sending a signal from the sensor to a switch to reduce the power.

- 66. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 62, further comprising: providing output from an output device when the vibration reaches a given value.
- 67. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 66 further comprising: sending a signal from the sensor to the output device; and sending an indicator signal from the output device.
- (Withdrawn) The method of claim 62 wherein the sensor is a piezoelectric crystal.
- (Withdrawn) The method of claim 62 wherein the sensor is a piezoelectric polymer.
- (Withdrawn) The method of claim 62 wherein the sensor is integrated with the conductive element.
- 71. (Withdrawn) A method of ablating organic tissue, comprising: positioning a conductive element adjacent the organic tissue; supplying an ionic fluid between the conductive element and the organic tissue; supplying electrical power to the conductive element and the ionic fluid; sensing with a sensor positioned adjacent the conductive element the vibration of the organic tissue; and reducing power to the conductive element when the vibration reaches a given value.
- 72. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 71, further comprising:

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halting the electrical power when the vibration reaches a given value.

- (Withdrawn) The method of claim 71, further comprising: halting the ionic fluid supply when the vibration reaches a given value.
- (Withdrawn) The method of claim 71 further comprising:
 sending a signal from the sensor to a switch to reduce the electrical power.
- (Withdrawn) The method of claim 71, further comprising: providing output from an output device when the vibration reaches a given value.
- 76. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 75 further comprising: sending a signal from the sensor to the output device; and sending an indicator signal from the output device.
- (Withdrawn) The method of claim 71 wherein the sensor is a piezoelectric crystal.
- 78. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 71 wherein the sensor is a piezoelectric polymer.
- 79. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 71 wherein the sensor is integrated with the conductive element.